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*RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Proceeding—No. 11-65).*

Dear Commissioners:

The mission of the Instituto Laboral de La Raza is to provide labor rights education and legal advocacy for all low-income workers. AT&T's merger plans with T-Mobile would have a positive impact on our organization by supplying expanded coverage in California and greater accessibility for our clients' search for jobs as well as to access our resources.

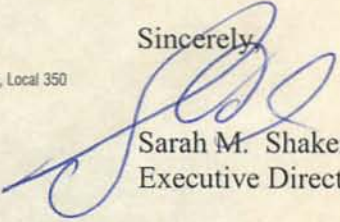
The goal of Instituto Laboral de la Raza is to attack the root causes of systemic poverty of people from all social and ethnic backgrounds with programs that stabilize them in their communities. With this merger, more people will have access to both educational and awareness programs established to help the working poor obtain financial independence.

We see this merger as helping both individuals and communities in the Bay Area succeed. Now into our 30<sup>th</sup> year, Instituto has also assisted over 60,000 unorganized low-income working families benefit through educational outreach, including financial literacy. We are pledged to continue our efforts for years to come to build a brighter economic future for the working poor in California. This merger brings us several steps closer.

Please carefully consider this merger and the possibilities it brings for our area. These families depend on legal and educational services and our economic future is at stake.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

  
Sarah M. Shaker  
Executive Director